

President's Corner

Dear Friends,

My time as MACRAO's president is coming to an end. It has been a most remarkable and rewarding experience working with so many dedicated colleagues. Here I have found an organization filled with leaders, who care about the students and the future of education in the state. Here is an organization filled with volunteers who helped us gain statewide recognition and a national award for its efforts in developing the Michigan Transfer Network.

Our demonstrated ability to collaborate across 2-year, 4-year, public, and private lines proves we are true leaders in education. Yes, there is much more to do and there are improvements to make, but it is together that we will move to the "next level." How proud I am to have been a part of this organization, and I thank you for being there with me as a part of this journey.

Howard Shanken



"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

-Elizabeth Lawrence

Tri-State Conference Approaching

The annual fall conference is quickly approaching! This collaborative tri-state conference with Michigan, Ohio and Indiana will take place November 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Visit the [conference web site](#) to register, or read about featured sessions and pre-conference workshops. At the annual business meeting, MACRAO member institutions will vote on the below by-law revisions and nominees for the executive board positions of vice president and treasurer.

By Law Revisions

The Executive Committee set as one of its goals for this year the revision and updating of the by-laws. The [recommended changes and rationales](#) are available for viewing online. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the EC members for clarification. These changes will be voted on at the business lunch on Thursday, November 13 at the Great Lakes Conference in Dearborn.

Candidate for Vice President: Anne Monroe



Anne Monroe is the Dean for Student Services at Northwestern Michigan College. Anne began her career in higher education at Central Michigan University working in the areas of orientation, financial aid, undergraduate and graduate admissions, and enrollment management. She moved on to become the Director of Admissions at Alma College, before relocating to northern Michigan. She also is an online instructor at the University of Phoenix.

Anne has been an active MACRAO member during her career, presenting at numerous conferences, and serving on both the Graduate and Professional Studies Committee (one year as chair), the Secondary Schools Relations Committee (one year as co-chair), and on the Local Arrangements Committee.

Anne earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, and her Ph.D. in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Learning from Michigan State University.

Anne lives in beautiful Traverse City with her husband Eric, and two dogs, Ricochet and Harley. Anne is involved in the Zonta Club of Traverse City, serves as the college liaison for the American Academy of University Women, is on the board of the Traverse City Twilight Rotary Club, and a member of the Executive Board for Junior Achievement of Northwest Michigan. She enjoys running, riding Harleys with her husband, and enjoying the numerous recreational opportunities that northern Michigan offers.

Candidate for Treasurer: Pete Lacey



Pete Lacey is the Registrar at St. Clair County Community College. Pete began his career at SC4 in the fall of 1996 as an Admissions Representative. During his time at the college he has also worked in the area of financial aid, having served as the interim director on two separate occasions. He also coached the college baseball team for ten years before giving up that position in 2007 to spend more time with his family.

Pete is a member of AACRAO and has been an active MACRAO member during his career, having served on both the College Day/Night Committee (chair in 2000) and the Registrar's Practices Committee.

Pete earned his associate's degree from Macomb Community College, bachelor's degree from Saginaw Valley State University and his master's degree from Central Michigan University.

MACRAO has truly been a life changing experience for Pete. He credits the organization and its wonderful members for helping him succeed with his career in higher education. In addition, Pete was introduced to his lovely wife Deb (formerly of Glen Oaks Community College) during his first MACRAO conference in 1997. Amazingly, that same evening he won a free trip back to Shanty Creek, returned to Shanty the next spring to get engaged and was married in April 1999.

Pete lives north of Port Huron in the small town of Burtchville with his wife Deb and two young children, Nolan (8) and Alison (6). Pete is the vice-president of the local little league and enjoys all sports, the outdoors and having fun with family and friends.

MACRAO Thanks 2008-09 Committee Leadership



Many committee chairs and co-chairs attended the September executive committee meeting in Lansing, to provide reports and discuss their committee's achievements over the past year.

Front row (sitting) – Left to right: Marcie Otteman (Co-Chair of Legislative Update Ad Hoc), Katherine Lichtenberg (Chair of Professional Development), Debbie Harju (vice president)

Back row (standing) – Left to right: Beth Gierada (Chair of Admissions Practices/Enrollment Management), Natala (TJ) Mohl (Chair of Articulation), Carol Quigley (Chair of Legislative Update Ad Hoc), Kara Fields (Chair of Registrars Practices), Christopher Marx (Co-Chair of Articulation), Dorian Chalom (Co-Chair of Data and Technology), Gayle Reynolds (Chair of Data and Technology)

Michigan Community College Registrars



On September 26, the Michigan Community College Registrars (MCCR) met at Washtenaw Community College.

Upcoming Events

View more information on event registration and hotels [online](#).

- Great Lakes Conference, November 12-14, 2008

Questions or comments?
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